

## CLAIMS

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What is claimed is:

53 av 1. A method for providing a graphical user interface to a financial modeling system  
10 allowing both live coaching and automated coaching comprising:

providing a plurality of icons for selecting at least one of a plurality of methods  
for communicating with a live coach;

15 providing a video window which can display an image of said live coach; and  
providing an dynamic window which can display automated coaching.

2. The method of claim 1 wherein the plurality of methods for communication includes  
providing at least two selected from group consisting essentially of:

20 email, electronic chat, live streaming audio, voice over the network, telephone,  
still picture, streaming live video and a collaborative interactive page.

3. The method of claim 1 wherein said user interface further includes providing at least  
one interactive window for displaying a financial model generated by the financial  
modeling system.

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4. The method of claim 3 wherein said user interface further includes providing a plurality of function icons for performing various operations on said generated financial model.

5. The method of claim 4 wherein said function icons include providing at least one of: transact, monitor, model, explore, track.

6. The method of claim 3 wherein said user interface further includes providing at least one dynamic window for displaying characteristics related to said generated financial model.

7. The method of claim 1 wherein said user interface further includes providing at least one interactive window for displaying help messages related to using the financial modeling system.

8. The method of claim 1 wherein said user interface further includes providing at least one profile icon for performing various operations on a user profile based on user information.

9. A system for providing a graphical user interface to a financial modeling system allowing both live coaching and automated coaching comprising:

an user interface generator coupled to a wide area network providing a plurality of communication icons for selecting one of a plurality of communication methods with a live coach;

a display generator coupled to a wide area network for providing a video window which can display an image of said live coach; and

an automated coaching engine coupled to a wide area network for providing automated coaching.

10. The system of claim 9, wherein said wide area network is the Internet.

11. The system of claim 8 wherein the plurality of methods communication includes at least two selected from a group consisting essentially of:

email, electronic chat, live streaming audio, voice over the network, telephone, still picture, streaming live video and a collaborative interactive page.

12. The system of claim 9 wherein said display generator further includes a second display generator providing at least one interactive window for displaying a financial model generated by the financial modeling system.

13. The system of claim 12 wherein said user interface generator further includes a function icon generator providing a plurality of function icons for performing various operations on said generated financial model.

14. The system of claim 13 wherein said function icons include at least one of:

transact, monitor, model, explore, track.

5 15. The system of claim 12 wherein said user interface generator further includes a third display generator for providing at least one dynamic window for displaying characteristics related to said generated financial model.

10 16. The system of claim 9 wherein said user interface generator further includes a fourth display generator for providing at least one dynamic window for displaying help messages related to using the financial modeling system.

17. The system of claim 9 wherein said interface generator further includes a second icon generator for performing various operations on a user profile based on user information.

15 18. A computer program embodied on a computer readable medium for providing a graphical user interface to a financial modeling system allowing both live coaching and automated coaching comprising:

20 code segment for providing a plurality of icons for selecting at least one of a plurality of methods for communicating with a live coach;

code segment for providing a video window which can display an image of said live coach; and

~~code segment for providing an dynamic window which can display automated  
coaching.~~

19. The computer program embodied on a computer readable medium of claim 18

5 wherein the plurality of methods for communication includes at least two selected from  
group consisting essentially of:

email, electronic chat, live streaming audio, voice over the network, telephone,  
still picture, streaming live video and a collaborative interactive page.

10 20. The computer program embodied on a computer readable medium of claim 18  
wherein said user interface further including:

code segment for providing at least one interactive window for displaying a  
financial model generated by the financial modeling system.

15 21. The computer program embodied on a computer readable medium of claim 20  
wherein said user interface further including:

code segment for providing a plurality of function icons for performing various  
operations on said generated financial model.

20 22. The computer program embodied on a computer readable medium of claim 21  
wherein said function icons include at least one of:

transact, monitor, model, explore, track.

code segment for providing at least one dynamic window for displaying characteristics related to said generated financial model.

24. The computer program embodied on a computer readable medium of claim 18 wherein said user interface further including:

code segment for providing at least one interactive window for displaying help  
10 messages related to using the financial modeling system.

25. The computer program embodied on a computer readable medium of claim 18 wherein said user interface further including:

code segment for providing at least one profile icon for performing various  
15 operations on a user profile based on user information.